

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0963A  
Naohiro SONOBE et al. : **Confirmation No. 8704**  
Serial No. 10/583,762 : Group Art Unit 1793  
Filed June 21, 2006 : Examiner Guinever S. Gregorio  
MATERIAL FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODE : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
OF NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE  
SECONDARY BATTERY, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, NEGATIVE  
ELECTRODE AND BATTERY

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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination and Suspension of Action filed on August 13, 2010, and in response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2010 and the Advisory Action dated July 28, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 6-13 are pending in the present application.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The following rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are presented by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3 and 6-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kwon *et al.*, WO 02/083557 (hereinafter “Kwon”) in view of Sonobe *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,587,255 (hereinafter “Sonobe ‘255”), in view of Sonobe *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,616,436 (hereinafter “Sonobe ‘436”).